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Cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea

The General Assembly,

Recalling relevant international and regional instruments such as the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea,[1] the Convention for the Protection of the Marine Environment of the North-East Atlantic[2] and the Convention on the Protection of the Marine Environment of the Baltic Sea Area,

Recalling also the recommendations of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment,[3] held in Stockholm in June 1972,

Noting relevant provisions of Agenda 21,[4] adopted at the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, in June 1992 and reaffirmed in the Plan of Implementation of the World Summit on

[1] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 1833, No. 31363.
[2] *Official Journal of the European Communities*, L 104.
[3] See *Report of the United Nations Conference on the Human Environment, Stockholm, 5-16 June 1972* (A/CONF.48/14/Rev.1).
[4] *Report of the United Nations Conference on Environment and Development, Rio de Janeiro, 3-14 June 1992*, vol. I, *Resolutions Adopted by the Conference* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.93.I.8 and corrigendum), resolution 1, annex I.

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Sustainable Development ("Johannesburg Plan of Implementation"),[5] adopted in Johannesburg, South Africa, in September 2002,

Taking note of the final report of the ad hoc Working Group on Dumped Chemical Munitions to the sixteenth meeting of the Helsinki Commission, and noting that the Helsinki Commission, at its ministerial meeting held in Moscow from 18 to 20 May 2010 agreed to establish an ad hoc expert group to update and review the existing information on dumped chemical munitions in the Baltic Sea,

Noting that Member States, international and regional organizations and civil society have undertaken activities to discuss the issues related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea and to promote international cooperation and exchange of experience and practical knowledge,

Noting also the concerns about the potential long-term effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea on human health, safety and security and on the marine environment,

Acknowledging that depth is a significant factor in determining the nature of sites of chemical munitions dumped at sea,

1. *Notes* the importance of raising public awareness of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea;

2. *Encourages* Member States and international and regional organizations to keep the issue of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea under periodic observation, to promote active cooperation and to review and voluntarily share available historical and scientific information on the location of sites where chemical munitions are known to have been dumped and their types, quantities and, to the extent possible, current condition, with a view to improving capabilities for incident prevention and response in case of incidents;

3. *Invites* the Secretary-General to seek the views of Member States and relevant regional and international organizations on issues related to the environmental effects of waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, requirements for improving the capabilities of Member States, where relevant, to respond effectively to incidents involving waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea, and appropriate patterns of international cooperation to effectively prevent and, where necessary, mitigate possible hazards, and to circulate such views to the General Assembly at its sixty-seventh session;

4. *Decides* to consider cooperative measures to assess and increase awareness of the environmental effects related to waste originating from chemical munitions dumped at sea at the sixty-seventh session of the General Assembly under the agenda item entitled "Sustainable development".

[5] *Report of the World Summit on Sustainable Development, Johannesburg, South Africa, 26 August-4 September 2002* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.03.II.A.1 and corrigendum), chap. I, resolution 1, annex.